

STATE of MINNESOTA

WHEREAS:

India celebrates its Independence Day on August 15, commemorating the date

the nation received independence from the British; and

WHEREAS:

On August 20, 2016, the India Association of Minnesota will host IndiaFest at the Minnesota State Capitol grounds to celebrate the culture, heritage, and traditions of India through activities such as a flag raising and parade; and

WHEREAS:

IndiaFest represents a diverse Indian population from many different regions of India, as well as Minnesota Indian Americans who work as educators, business owners, health care providers, technology entrepreneurs, and artists across the state, who will showcase their ethnic roots through costumes, music, dance, and

food; and

WHEREAS:

The Minnesota Indian American community, whether they hail from India or have ancestral ties to India, will join in the celebration to demonstrate the

greatness and beauty of their homeland; and

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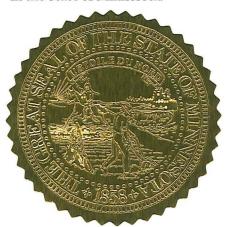
IndiaFest fosters an appreciation for a diverse culture, recognizing the country and people of India and the vibrant Minnesotan Indian American community of

nearly 47,000 who contribute to the vitality of Minnesota.

 $NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK \ DAYTON, Governor \ of \ Minnesota, \ do \ hereby \ proclaim \ Saturday,$ August 20, 2016, as:

INDIA DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8th day of August.

SECRETARY OF STATE